

## Obituary

Mrs. L. A. Batchelor one of the aged mothers of our community, and one of the most beloved old ladies that one ever met passed away Monday, July 12, at 10:30 a. m., at the home of her son, Sam B. Batchelor, fifteen miles south of the county seat. For two weeks before her death she was confined to her bed and gradually weakened until the last two days of her illness when she became unconscious. Friends and neighbors took their turn caring for and sitting up with her and son, Sam B., was at her bedside constantly, doing all in his power to prolong her life.

A large number of neighbors accompanied the corpse to the Texline cemetery where she was interred, Tuesday, July 13.

Mrs. Batchelor was born December 11, 1841, and had been a widow for more than thirty years. She has raised a large family of children, of whom five are living and have families of their own. There are three daughters, Mrs. Bettie Windham, of Upland, Texas, Mrs. Ellen Ingram of Wellington, Texas, and Mrs. Minnie Gibbs of Silverton, Texas, and two sons, Joe G. Batchelor of Vernon, Texas and Sam B. Batchelor at whose home she resided. None of the children, however, were present except Sam B. They were not notified of their mother's condition in time to get her.

## Simple Remedy for Hay Fever

"Put a heaping teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda in a tumbler full of warm water. Fill the palm of the hand with the liquid and snuff it well up the nose and down the throat. Do it several times and repeat it during the day. Keep it up for a week or more, and the hay fever will be gone!"

So writes Mr. Millard F. Bingham of Oxford Md. to the New York Evening Post, except that we have thought it fitting to substitute an exclamation point where Mr. Bingham uses a simple period. Nor will anyone quarrel because of the substitution, for if relief from hay fever is so easily and cheaply to be got, the fact will be thought worth the hall of an exclamation point by all save those to whom hay fever is a ticket of leave to a cooler clime.

It may add something to the efficacy of the remedy to quote Mr. Bingham further, for he qualifies as an expert and sets forth the rationale of his prescription in a way which, by stimulating the imagination and inspiring confidence, must add to the magic of the bicarbonate. Medicine is reinforced with faith, a statement that may be ventured forth without much fear of making a quarrel between science and religion or of reawakening any feuds among sects. So to quote Mr. Bingham further:

"Hay fever is an irritation of the membrane lining of the nose. It is caused by several things. Some people have it in rose-blooming time, some at strawberry time; and some who are not affected by the scent of roses are bothered in August by ragweed or golden rod. The pollen of various things irritates the nerves of the nose, and a thin, colorless fluid is discharged. This is an acid, and it causes the inside of the nose to become supersensitive. . . . Now a substance to counteract an acid is an alkali. Bicarbonate of soda is an alkali, and if snuffed up the nose when mucous is running, will counteract the effect of the acid, will dry the membrane and soothe the nerves."

The thesis is plausible, and as the gentleman says, the prescription "is simple and inexpensive," all which suggests that it may be worth a trial by those who do not prefer the relief of a summer trip. Parenthetically, this gentleman says he "would like to hear from those who try" his prescription.

## The Livable Town

Why are so many country towns going backward? During the past 10 years 650 towns in a middle western state have decreased in population. The rural districts of another have lost 180,000 people. Practically every other middle western state has suffered in the same way, and it is believed that shortly every state east of the Rocky mountains will face this condition. This indicates that the young people of the rural districts and small towns are dissatisfied with conditions, and

gravitate to the larger towns because of the pleasures and better living conditions they hope to find there. Until we make our small towns attractive we cannot hope to hold the young people. There must be amusements for them. We must stop the continual nagging the passage of narrow laws, the constant fretting of the older people who see in the pleasures of the young people eternal damnation and the end of morality. Times change, and with them go the narrowness of puritanism. In years gone by, dancing was condemned. Now dancing is recognized as a healthful pastime. It is encouraged, or should be. If the young people desire to dance the new dances why not let them? The old people of today, if they dance at all, waltzed and two-stepped, and their grandfather and grandmothers danced square dances or the minuet. Simply because a fad is new, it is not necessarily immoral. Encourage the young people in all the harmless amusements of the day, regardless of what you did when you were young or what your parents taught you to do. This is a new generation we are trying to keep in the small towns, and youth demands its play. Be broad and liberal. Narrowness in teaching or by law can only result in disrespect for authority and law; in making harder the lives of those who don't think as we do or in driving them entirely out of the community and to those places where they can have some freedom of thought and action.

## Eliminate the Fly

An educational crusade against the house fly in which every proper means of publicity should be employed is urged by the department of agriculture. In a new farmers' bulletin, No. 679, it is stated that the danger from the house fly must be brought more forcibly home to the people before health officers can do effective work. By the expenditure of sufficient pains, and one individual may prevent the flies breeding on his premises, but this will not rid him of the danger from flies if his neighbors are careless. There is however, no excuse at the present time for permitting flies to breed in anything like the numbers in which they have done in the past. The vast majority of flies develop from eggs which are laid in horse manure, and there are two simple ways of destroying the larvae, as the young insects or maggots which hatch from the eggs are called. sprinkling the manure heap with a solution prepared by adding one-half pound of powdered hellbore to 10 gallons of water will destroy, according to recent experiments, from 88 to 99 per cent of the larvae in the manure.

## NOTICE OF CONTEST

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, Clayton, N. M., July 24, 1915.

To Clemente Padilla de Rios, of Buoyeros, N. M., Contestee:

You are hereby notified that Geo. Garcia, who gives Buoyeros, N. M., as his post-office address, did on 14th day of July, 1915, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead entries, Serial Nos. 014167 and 017743, made November 21, 1911, and April 16, 1914, for S 1-2 SE 1-4, SE 1-4 SW 1-4, Sec. 6, NW 1-4 NE 1-4, Sec. 7, Lot 7, Sec. 6, Lot 1, NE 1-4 NW 1-4, Section 7, Twp. 21n., Range 31e., N. M. P. Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that Clemente Padilla de Rios has abandoned said tract of land for years last past next prior to this affidavit of contest; that the entryman has failed to cultivate and improve said land as required by law, and said default still exists, and title to the land has not been earned.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken as contested, and your said entry will be cancelled without further right to be heard, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically responding to these allegations of contest, together with due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail.

You should state in your answer the name of the post-office to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.

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## Abel Martinez, Dead

Abel Martinez of near Hayden, one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of the county, died suddenly Wednesday morning at the Bruns hotel in this city. About 20 minutes before his death he was talking with friends on the street, and remarked that he felt a pain in his breast, and that he would go to his room, where he died a few minutes after lying down. Physicians announced the immediate cause of death as acute indigestion. The remains were taken to Hayden and buried Friday afternoon by the side of his wife who died last year. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in the county, a fact that attested the worth of the man and the esteem in which he was held by his neighbors.

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Call for Convention of State Wool Growers in Albuquerque October 11, 1915

The following call has been issued "To the Wool Growers of New Mexico:

"As president of the New Mexico Wool Growers' Association, I hereby request and urge every wool grower of the state to be present at a wool growers convention to be held in the City of Albuquerque on October 11th, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at some suitable place selected by the Commercial Club of Albuquerque. It is important that every wool grower in the state be present, as there are changes which should be made in the by-laws of the Association, and some important rules governing the Association should be carried out. All wool growers will be entitled to one vote regardless of their dues not being paid. The Association should be reorganized; and new blood put in to make the meeting one of the largest and most beneficial in its history.

(Signed) H. C. ABBOTT,

President

CHAS. CHADWICK,

Secretary.

W. F. Kendrick, three Cuates merchant, was here Saturday.

Arthur Wooten of near Mexhoma, spent Friday and Saturday in the city looking after business and trading. Mrs. Wooten has been attending the county normal the past two weeks, and is one of the most popular teachers of the county.

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Clayton, New Mexico, July 15, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that John H. Terry, of Staunton, N. M., who, on Jan. 16, 1911, made homestead entry, serial No. 012888, for NE 1-4 and NW 1-4, Section 35, Township 28n., Range 30e., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Clayton, N. M., on the 25th day of August, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses: John V. Cogdill, and Newton C. Light of Grenville, N. M.; Morris E. Fuller and John M. Ferguson of Staunton, N. M.

7-17-8-21 PAZ VALVERDE, Register.

Notice to Whom It May Concern.

In the Probate Court of Union County, New Mexico:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, having been duly appointed Administrator of the estate of J. H. Robinson, deceased, on the 15th day of July, A. D., 1915, hereby gives notice to all persons having claims against the said estate of J. H. Robinson, deceased, to present the same within the time prescribed by law, for the purpose of having same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

7-24-8-21. SAMUEL W. LYON, Administrator or Executor Clayton, New Mexico.

## Another Navy Yard Mystery

Philadelphia, July 23.—The United States torpedo boat destroyer Ericsson was almost sunk in her slip at the shipyards of the New York shipbuilding company by the opening of her seacocks Tuesday night, following the mysterious fire on the battleship Oklahoma, anchored in a slip near the Ericsson.

The Ericsson's decks were within a few feet of the water when workmen reached the yards Wednesday morning. The most powerful pumps had to be used before the



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## The Clayton Garage

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vessel could be pumped clear of water. Officials of the yard would have admitted there that the vessel had been flooded, although it was stated that the water came from a hose.

The Ericsson recently successfully completed her official trip and was said to have been undamaged by the flooding.